

Remarks

This Response is in reply to an Office Action mailed February 21, 2003. The Examiner issued a requirement for election of species. The Examiner stated the compounds claimed fall into three patentably distinct species:

- a. Gly-Pro-Glu;
- b. Gly-Pro; and
- c. Pro-Glu.

Applicant herein elects the species a. Gly-Pro-Glu for prosecution on the merits. Applicant submits that all currently pending claims, as well as all new claims read on the elected species.

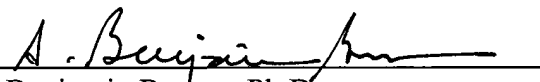
Applicants have amended claim 32 to correct a typographical error without limiting the scope of the claim. Claims 38 - 41 have been amended to correct their dependencies, without narrowing the scope of the claims.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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